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1. POST SUBMITS FOLLOWING NOMINATIONS FOR 1974 EDUCATIONAL AND TRAVEL PROGRAM FOR JUNIOR AND MID-LEVEL PROJESSIONALS:

2. PRINCIPAL: ANTOINE NTAMIKEVYO, DEPUTY CHIEF EDITOR, RADIO NEWS, BURUNDI RADIO, FOR MASS MEDIA THEME. NTABIKEVYO IS PERHAPS BEST-KNOWN RADIO PERSONALITY IN BURUNDI, USUALLY COVERING IMPORTANT CURRENT EVENTS, INCLUDING TRIPS OF PRESIDENT MICOMBERO. HE IS THEREFORE UNUSUALLY WELL-PLACED TO INFLUENCE BURUNDI OPINION. PERSONALLY NTAMIKEVYO IS OUTGOING AND APPEARS UNUSUALLY ADAPTABLE. HE HAS BEEN LONG TIME PATRON OF AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER AND APPEARS WELL DISPOSED TOWARD AMERICANS. HE FULLY PREPARED RESPOND TO QUESTIONS ABOUT BURUNDI. BELIEVE HE WOULD MAKE VERY FAVORABLE IMPRESSION IN U.S.

3. ALTERNATE: PASCAL RUTAKE, ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR, OFFICIAL UNIVERSITY OF BUJUMBURA, FOR US EDUCATION THEME. RUTAKE BEARS PRINCIPAL ADMINISTRATIVE BURDEN OF BURUNDI'S ONLY UNIVERSITY, WHICH IS PRESENTLY IN THROES OF ATTEMPT AT FAR-REACHING EFFECT ON PRACTICES IN BURUNDI HIGHER EDUCATION OVER LONGER TERM. RUTAKE HAS LESS MARNETIC PERSONALITY THAN NTAMIKEVYO, BUT APPEARS OPEN MINDED, SERIOUS, AND INTELLIGENT.

4. GRANTEE PROFILES BEING POUCHED CU/AF. PLEASE CONSIDER
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